

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2187 - SB 2437

February 8, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a judge of the Workers' Compensations Appeals Board (Board) to serve two six-year terms upon expiration of the initial term.

Authorizes any chief judge of the Court of Workers' Compensation who was appointed to fill a vacancy to serve an additional three terms, rather than two additional terms.

Authorizes the Governor to designate one of the judges of the Board to serve as the presiding judge, who will administer to the day-to-day operation of the Board and supervise the activities of such other residing judges.

Establishes that any party aggrieved by an appeals decision of the Board may appeal to the Tennessee Supreme Court, where the cause shall be heard and determined as provided in the Tennessee Rules of Appellate Procedure. Removes the Benefit Review Conference of the Division of Workers' Compensation as the arena for such appeals.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Authorizing certain workers' compensation judges to serve additional terms will not impact processes or procedures of the Board of the Court of Workers' Compensation.
- The proposed legislation will not impact the total number of appeals. Any impact on state or local government expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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